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FARMINGTON Pageant and Home-Coming

SEPTEMBER 14, 15 and 16

Pageant on Ozark Athletic Field, Sept. 14 and 16, 8 p. m.

Concert, Sept. 15, under direction of E. C. Barroll.

SEASON TICKETS: ADULTS \$1.00; CHILDREN UNDER 14, 60c.

Everybody Invited. Tell Your Friends.

Our Great
SHOE CLEARANCE SALE
Is Now Going on
Big Reductions
Big Selections
Karsch's

BETTER MAIL SERVICE FOR FARMINGTON

Postoffice Department Getting Busy as
Result of Article in Times Mention-
ing Delay in Delivery of Mails

The article in The Times two weeks ago, calling attention to the delay in getting the mail from St. Louis to this point each morning, has already met with beneficial results, as the mails have already shown a tendency to reach Farmington an hour or two sooner. The article published in this paper fell into the hands of the head of the mail service in St. Louis, and at once action was taken to stir things up along the line.

The Times article took as a basis for its criticism the schedule that the local carrying the early morning mail to DeLassus is to arrive at that point. Further investigation, however, indicates that said local has been usually behind in arriving at DeLassus two or three hours, so that the criticism was apparently unfair in throwing the blame principally upon the electric line. The work that is necessary for the arrival of the local at DeLassus, makes it impossible for them to deliver the mail at this point before the news begins to grow stale, when the local makes a specialty of arriving so late.

The Times oversight was simply in failing to allow for delayed trains, thereby putting the brunt of the trouble on the electric line, which was in no way to blame, at least for much of the delay in delivery of the mails. Yet our criticism was based on the information we had at hand, and while we desire to exonerate the electric line from the imputation of negligence insofar as that road is blameless, The Times management does feel that its article will result in much good to this community in improved mail service. It seems that, if the Missouri Pacific cannot get the mail to DeLassus on time, with much greater regularity than it has for some time past, then much better service could be secured by sending it over the M. & B. T. railroad, which would get it here at a reasonably early hour. But that is a question for the postal officials to solve. But Farmington is an important mail point, and its needs demand that a radical correction be made in its mail service. We believe that Uncle Sam will also view the matter in like manner, and will not rest content while knowing that his mail for this point is forced to lay silent for hours in bags while due to be in the hands of the people.

Honeymoon Rudely Eclipsed

B. P. Hamilton, a young man of Flat River, came over to Farmington last Saturday evening, cashed a check for \$10 on the Flat River Bank at Klein's grocery store, and about nine o'clock that evening called upon Recorder Clay and told him he would like to get a marriage license. He was furnished with a license to marry Miss Martha Kelley, who had been working in a store at Flat River, and whose people live near Des Arc. On Monday morning they appeared before Justice Good and he tied them up good and fast as far as the legal formula goes. The young man then went to the St. Francois County Bank and presented a check drawn on the Flat River Bank for \$40. Cashier Roberts had known Hamilton at Flat River and supposed he had been saving up for this special occasion, so cashed the check. After the young man had gone Mr. Roberts thought that there might be a flaw in his supposition, and phoned over to the Flat River Bank to make sure. The answer came back, "No money."

Then Mr. Roberts got busy. He followed the bridal couple to DeLassus. Young Hamilton had purchased tickets for himself and bride to St. Louis, and they were anxiously waiting for the train. Mr. Roberts gently reminded the young groom that he must have been mistaken in the name of the bank on which he drew his check, and that it would be more pleasant for all concerned if he returned the money. This was an ugly

snag for his frail craft to strike ere it was fairly launched on the matrimonial sea, dissipating all his anticipations of a happy honeymoon in the big metropolis as fades a mirage on the desert. In order to satisfy the austerity of the exacting banking house he had to return the money, so easily acquired, and to cash in the transportation tickets of himself and bride to make up the full amount. The check cashed by the Klein Grocer Co. is still held by them.

Out of money and with a dainty young bride on his hands there was nothing left for the saddened groom to do but to return to Flat River with his bride, which he did, saying that he would "go to work." Hamilton is only 22 years of age and his bride is a pretty, sweet-faced girl of 18. It is too bad that he should have made such a grievous mistake in taking up on himself so important responsibility as the marriage relation. If nothing worse comes of it and the law is permitted to wink at this little breach "against the peace and dignity of the State"—which we trust it may, for like all the world we love a lover—it is hoped that this experience will make of him a better and wiser man, that he will get down to work like a good fellow, earn an honest and plentiful living for himself and his young wife, and never give her another cause for regret or unhappiness.

Rev. S. P. Brito, former pastor of the Farmington Baptist Church, stopped over here last Sunday on his way to the Baptist Assembly at Arcadia Heights, and occupied the pulpit of the Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Democrats Organize

The Democratic Central Committee met at the Court House in Farmington on Tuesday, August 8th, and was called to order by G. J. Goeltz of Bismarck. Parkhurst Sleeth of Flat River was elected chairman of the new committee, Francis A. Benham, Secretary, and B. S. McCullough, secretary to Mr. Hensley, as assistant to Mr. Benham, and L. H. Williams, treasurer.

Mr. Goeltz, treasurer of the old committee, made his report and settlement and turned over a balance to the secretary of \$182.76.

A Publicity Committee was appointed, composed of J. H. Malugen of Bonne Terre, chairman; B. H. Marbury, B. S. McCullough and Francis A. Benham of Farmington.

Chairman Sleeth will name the Executive Committee in the next few days.

The committee passed a resolution endorsing Mr. Sleeth for one of the State Democratic Committeemen from this Congressional District.

The committee adjourned to August 26th, to meet at the Court House at 2 p. m., at which time Congressman Hensley, Circuit Judge Huck, and all candidates and interested Democrats are requested to attend.

All present were Democrats, and the sentiment prevailed that this is a Democratic year, and that the whole ticket, from President to Constable, will be elected.

Attend to Weeds and Cess-Pools

This is the season of the year when every resident should look carefully after the cutting of weeds on their premises. It is not sufficient that one keeps the front yard carefully mowed. A rank growth of weeds in the back yard are just as great a danger to health as though they were in the front yard. The owners of all vacant lots should also see that they are mowed, before the weeds go to seed. This is most important, as rank growth of weeds are an impediment to health.

It now appears that proper precautions were not taken by all residents in regard to making the propagation of mosquitoes impossible, judging from the number that have taken up quarters in this city. Of course there is no absolute cure for those that are now active, as shooting them is indeed a slow task. But a gallon or two of oil, poured into your cess pool, if it has not already been so treated, will prevent additional broods coming out, providing your cess pool has not been so treated earlier in the season. This is truly a case where "a stitch in time saves nine." Do IT NOW!

Coming! Coming!

The following new and renewal subscriptions to The Times have been received the past week: New subscriptions—R. E. Kelly of Sernopolis, Wyoming; W. E. Marshall of Knob Wick, James Morris of Desloge, John K. Lowrance of Greenville, Mo.; J. F. Waller of Hazel Run, R. G. Hinkle of Colorado, Ewing Boone of St. Louis, A. B. McKenzie of Route 1, Farmington. Renewals—Lawrence Cunningham and G. A. Walker of Route 4, Farmington; Dr. I. N. Shannon of Fredericktown, John T. White of Bonne Terre, H. L. Grider of Bismarck.

A FEW ERRORS

Attention has been called to a few errors in the detailed statement of election returns from St. Francois county, as they were published in last week's Times. For instance, "A Voter" writes from Leadwood that the statement gave Mr. Hensley 8 votes, Mr. Munger 112, and Mr. Robb 3. An investigation into the matter shows the votes from that precinct were jumbled up, and that Mr. Hensley received 112 votes, Mr. Robb 8 votes, and Mr. Munger 3 votes.

However, the total votes as given for the various candidates are virtually correct, which shows that the above error was made in getting the table together. There is abundant reason for such errors, especially in getting up such a tabulation in a brief space of time.

MEET HIM!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—
I TAKE PLEASURE IN IN-
TRODUCING TO YOU THE
FATHER OF THE LAND-BANK BILL, A
STATESMAN AND DEMO-
CRAT, THE

HON. F. D. GARDNER
THE NEXT GOV-
ERNOR OF OUR
BELOVED
COMMONWEALTH



WHY DON'T YOU
SAY: "I'M PLEASED
TO MEET YE"
Y' OL' REPUBLICAN?



FOR THE UPBUILDING OF FARMINGTON

What the Times Management Has
Done or Tried to Do in Its First
Eight Months of Service.

With this issue of The Times, its present management completes the eighth month of active service. During those first few months The Times has seen fit to criticize several things and conditions that it found in existence in this community, feeling that such mild criticism, or calling attention to apparent defects, might result to the good and profit of this community.

This action has been taken by the present management of The Times with the good of this community principally at heart. Of course, we also felt that such action would, in all probability, help or hinder us in the upbuilding of this paper, in accordance with the merits or demerits of our course.

On such hypothesis The Times management is willing and anxious to rest its case. To be brief, a few of the more important things The Times has thus far advocated for the good and upbuilding of Farmington and St. Francois county, in our opinion, are the following:

For equalizing the tax rates of St. Francois county, whereby the mining corporations will be compelled to pay their just proportion of taxes. In this matter our suggestions met with a quick response, as the Board of Equalization immediately proceeded to raise the assessment of the mining properties almost \$1,000,000, which was a long step in the right direction. While we are not egotistical enough to claim all the credit for such raise, we know that The Times is the only paper in St. Francois county that had even suggested that such a raise be made.

This paper was also the first to take up and strenuously advocate the issuing of bonds for improved county roads. While no definite steps have as yet been taken in this matter, there is no question but that the people, in all parts of the county, are now giving this most important matter serious thought, and the opinion generally prevails that the voters are now in the mood to vote bonds for

There may be a few knockers here—and indeed it would be a most exceptional community if there were not—who will say that The Times editor is too new in this community to pose as a critic? We deny the charge. We are standing open and above board for a bigger and better Farmington and St. Francois county. And, in a manner, at least, we believe that a stranger can more readily recognize the shortcomings of a town or a community than can one who has resided in that community for years.

Anyway, The Times fights in the open, for what it believes to be just and right; and this paper will always be pleased to share space with those who may not agree with us. We do not claim infallibility. You may be right, and we may be wrong. If so, we will most sincerely thank you for enabling us to "get right."

But one thing we need, and must have, in order to get the best results from the correction work that The Times has undertaken, is more ready and zealous support when you believe in the work we are attempting to perform. If you are for it, come out in the open and frankly say so. Should you oppose it, you should also be as frank. In this way, and in this way only, can an understanding be reached, whereby we can all work for the common good.

But, even at the risk of being called a "knocker," The Times management proposes to continue to suggest, and to fight for, those things it believes is for the good of this city and county. If that sort of thing defines the "knocker," then that means us. But we have always been known, from our earliest recollection, as a "booster." Whatever we may be, we are thoroughly in love with our new home, and we are unwilling that anyone should do more in helping to push along Farmington and St. Francois county than we. Will you help in such splendid work?

The Water's Fine

The cruise of the battle-scarred old ship up Salt River last week did not appear to be so exorbitantly painful as such a pilgrimage is usually supposed to be to those on board. The passenger list was numerous, the craft being loaded to the guards, and yet very little "kicking" or "knocking" was heard, even though none of those aboard were taking the "trip" of their own choosing.

The weather was good and the water was reported fine, and practically all on this voyage seemed determined to make the best of it. That's right, boys. The Good Lord loves a cheerful liver.